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New York January 25th, 1906.

Mr. Bauman W. Belden,
Recording Secretary,
The American Numismatic and
Archaeological Society,
1271 Broadway,
City.

Dear Sir:-

I beg leave to acknowledge with many thanks your
notification of January 16th, stating that I have been elect-
ed a life member of the American Numismatic and Archaeolog-
ical Society, on the nomination of Mr. Archer M. Huntington.

I am greatly honored by this election to life mem-
bership in the Society, and am very glad to accept the
election.

Yours respectfully,

W. D. F. F. F.

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Mr. Fred T. Tamm
3rd Bureau
Albany

Dear Sir

I take pleasure in informing you that at the
Annual Meeting of this Society held on the 18th inst.
you were unanimously elected a member of
the Council

Trusting that this will be satisfactory to you. I am,
Believe me,

Very truly yours,

William H. Webb
Recording Secretary



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New York January 27th, 1909.

Mr. Bauman L. Belden,
Recording Secretary,
Am. Numismatic Society,
156th St. West of Broadway,
City.

Dear Sir:-

Permit me to acknowledge your favor of January 25th, in which you advise me that at the annual meeting of the Numismatic Society, held January 18th, I was unanimously re-elected a member of the Council.

I thank you cordially for your note, and wish to express my sense of the honor conferred by this re-election. I have now, as I have had for some time past, a feeling that some man whose time permitted him to be more active in the Society's work, would prove a more useful member of the Council than I am. But, if the Society thinks otherwise, I shall be only too glad to perform such services for it as may lie in my power.

Yours very truly,

H. B. Ginnell

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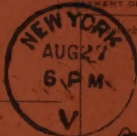
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New York August 10th, 1900.

Mr. Bauman L. Belden,
Director of the American Numismatic Society,
Audubon Park, 156th St.,
City.

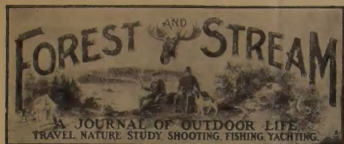
Dear Sir:-

Replying to the Society's circular of July 27th, just received, I beg leave to enclose check for \$10, payment of subscription to one of the one hundred silver medals offered to members of the American Numismatic Society in commemoration of the discovery of the Hudson River, and of the first use of steam in navigation on that river. I should be glad if you will either hold medal No. 14 for me at the Society's building, or if preferred, have it delivered to me at this office.

Yours truly,

W. D. Gannett

Enclosure.



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November 12th, 1900.

Dear Mr. Belden:-

I have been sorry that I could not attend any of the meetings of the American Numismatic Society that have been held since last spring. My reason for not going up is a sentimental one, with which perhaps you may nevertheless sympathize. I do not feel like going up to the locality of my old home at present. When the land is all built over, and the place absolutely unrecognizable, I shall be willing to do so, but not before.

I should like you to know that my interest in the Society is still keen, and that I have a reason for not attending the meetings.

Yours very truly,

Mr. Bauman L. Belden,
American Numismatic Society,
156th St. West of Broadway,
City.

November' 15, 1909.

Dear Mr. Grinnell:

Your kind letter of the 12th instant has been duly received. I fully appreciate your feeling as regarde this locality, and I think if I were in your place I would be very apt to do as you are doing.

Judging by the rapid progress being made in the building operations around here, I should say that the time will not be long before the Hispanic Building and this one will be the only things left to remind one of the old locality.

So we will hope that, after a while, we will again have the pleasure of seeing you at our meetings.

Very sincerely yours

Secretary.

Mr. George Bird Grinnell,
127 Franklin Street,
New York.

May 31, 1910.

Mr. George Bird Grinnell,
127 Franklin Street,
New York.

Dear Mr. Grinnell:

I am sending you, by registered mail, one of the new silver membership medals.

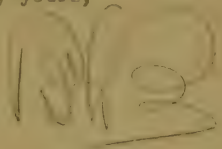
This medal was placed in my hands by Mr. J. Sanford Saltus, with the request that I give it to you, with his compliments.

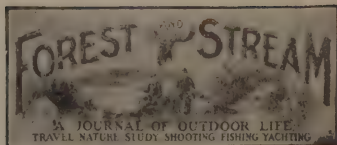
Mr. Saltus also presented one of these medals to each member of the old Council.

He sailed for Europe a short time ago, his address is, c/o Brown Shipley & Co., 128 Pall Mall, London, S. W.

With kind regards, I am, believe me,

Very sincerely yours,





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New York June 1st, 1910.

Mr. Bauman L. Belden,
American Numismatic Society,
156th St. West of Broadway,
City.

Dear Mr. Belden:-

I thank you very much for your letter of
May 31st, and Mr. Saitus for his generous kindness in
sending me one of the new silver membership medals of the
American Numismatic Society. I will write to Mr. Saitus
and present my personal thanks.

I had intended long ago to ask you to send me
one of the Cleveland silver medals, but the matter has
been overlooked. I now enclose check for \$10, hoping
that these medals are not all gone, and that you will
be able to send me one to my house, 238 E. Fifteenth St.,
New York City.

Yours sincerely,

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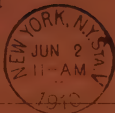
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July 21, 1910.

Mr. George Bird Grinnell,
127 Franklin Street,
New York.

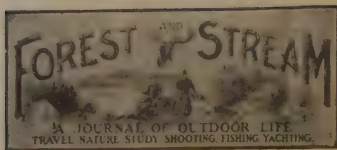
Dear Mr. Grinnell:

I sent the Cleveland medal to your house, by registered mail, yesterday, and I hope it will reach you in good shape.

I am very sorry that there should have been such a long delay, your letter was received just after I had left for my vacation, and as the medals were locked up, in my office the only thing to do was to wait for my return.

With kind regards,

Very sincerely yours,



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New York July 23rd, 1910.

Mr. Bauman L. Belden,
American Mammalogical Society,
166th St. W. of B'way,
City.

Dear Mr. Belden:-

I thank you for your note of July 21st.

The Cleveland Medal reached the house
a day or two since, and I was glad to receive it.
I have thought of it once or twice, wondering that
I had heard nothing, but supposed, of course, that
there was some good reason.

Many thanks for your promptness in send-
ing it on your return.

Yours sincerely,

303 E. 11th St., New York,

Jan. 12th, 1891.

Mr. Bauman L. Belden,
Numismatic Society,
156th Street near Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Belden:

A friend has shown me a small coin which I will
describe as follows:

On one side is a head, with a crown, and the words Carolina.

III. Dei Gratia. 1783. On the reverse, a coat of arms, supported
by a lion, standing between two pillars, and a shield which is surmounted
with a hand, and the inscription Hispan. Et Ind. Rex. M. 2R. F. M.

The reverse of the coin is stamped with a circular seal, which is
faded and illegible. On the side of the coin, the date 1783 is
inscribed, and the words Carolina. It is a little
little larger than a United States half dollar.

From this description you will probably know what the coin
is, and can tell me whether it is of any value.

Yours sincerely,

Geo. B. F. Primm

June 18th, 1918.

Mr. George Bird Grinnell,

238 East 15th Street,

New York.

Dear Mr. Grinnell:-

Your letter of June 17th has just been received.. The coin in question is an Eight Real piece of Charles III of Spain, coined in Mexico. These coins are very common, and sell for about their bullion value..

I have been hoping that we would see you up here as you promised to come up if possible, and take a look at the Indian medals. I am very anxious to see the Jefferson Peace Medal that you wrote me you had, as there are several varieties of this medal that I have never seen, and in fact I do not know just how many varieties there are, consequently I am most anxious to look at any that I can locate.

I may possibly be away the first three days of next week, at other times I am usually here.

With kind regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

#238 East Fifteenth Street,
New York, Sept. 2, 1915

Mr. Bauman L. Belden,
Numismatic Society,
156th Street & Broadway,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Belding:-

During your absence, I went up to the Society's building and looked at your Indian peace medals, which Mr. Wood very kindly showed me. We had a long discussion over them.

Remembering a medal of this kind that I had heard of in Montana, I wrote to a friend there and got a description of it. This medal was given to a Cheyenne Indian named High Backed Wolf, a long time ago, but I do not know the circumstances under which it was presented. High Backed Wolf died in 1833, just before "the stars fell". The friend who saw the medal sends me the enclosed smear of it, from which it appears that it is a James Monroe medal dated 1817. The daughter of the man to whom it was presented, now an old woman, does not wish to sell the medal. She is in fairly good circumstances.

Will you kindly return to me the accompanying sheet which gives the size and some detail about the medal?

Yours sincerely,

G. D. Grinnell

September 15th, 1917.

Mr. George W. C. C. C.

238 East 15th Street,

New York.

Dear Mr. C. C. C.:

I was very glad to get your letter of September 1st which has now arrived some days ago, and I return herewith the rubbing of the medal which you requested. We have a similar medal in our collection.

I was very sorry to have missed your call as I was to talk over the Indian medals with you. Mr. Wood told me that you showed him the medal that you have which was a specimen of a larger size than ours.

I am enclosing a photograph of a piece of lead medal resembling which I have no information at all. This medal is in the Mills Collection in Hartford, and we have a similar one in our collection. It is evidently of comparatively recent make, probably within the last thirty or forty years, and may possibly have been gotten up by some Indian trader. I have heard of Indians wearing similar medals. Have you ever heard of this medal, or could you get us any information concerning it? Please take care of the photograph as they are the only ones I have and the negative is in the hands of a Hartford photographer.

With kind regards, and hoping that I will have better luck the next time you come up here, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

238 East 15th Street, New York,
September 14th, 1915.

Mr. Bauman L. Belden,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway and 166th Street, New York City.

Dear Mr. Belden:

Thank you for your letter of September 13th, which came to-day, bringing with it the rubbing of the Monroe medal. I had forgotten that you had one of these medals.

I return in this the photographs of the medal in the Hills collection in Hartford, which you sent me. I never heard of such a medal, and have no information about it.

Some time ago I wrote to Col. James McLaughlin, of the Interior Department, to find out, if I could, anything about a number of medals which I saw in the year 1902 in the hands of a certain Major Bingenheimer, of Mandan, North Dakota. I have not heard from Col. McLaughlin in response to my letter. He may very likely be waiting to try to see Major Bingenheimer, if the latter is still alive. As I recall these medals, there were half a dozen of them, but they were all more or less modern, nothing earlier, so far as I recall, than Arthur or Garfield.

I very rarely get uptown, but if I should do so I will stop in at the Society building on the chance of finding you.

Yours sincerely,

W. D. F. Ginnell

September 15th, 1915.

Mr. George Bird Grinnell,
232 West 18th Street,
New York.

Dear Mr. Grinnell:-

I am obliged for your letter of September 14th which came in this morning. I am sorry that you do not know anything about that paper medal, have you any idea where I could find out something about it.

I hope you will hear something about the medals that belong to Major Winchell. As far as I have been able to find out the later medals are rather harder to get than the earlier ones. The only ones that we have after Grant is the round medal of Benjamin Harrison. We have none of the oval medals except restrikes. Of the earlier medals we lack the following:-

Jefferson	Size	104 mm.
"	"	78 "
Monroe	"	51 "
Van Buren	"	62 "
Tyler	"	76 "
Folk	"	51 "
Taylor	"	62 "
Buchanan	"	51 "

We also have three duplicate medals, which we may sometime have a chance to exchange.

J. Q. Adams	Size	51 mm.
Folk	"	76 "
Buchanan	"	76 "

Do you know whether any medals have been issued since Benjamin Harrison? I have never seen or heard of any.

With kind regards, and hoping that we will have the pleasure of seeing you up here sometime before long, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

January 20th, 1941

George Bird Grinnell, Esq.
238 East 18th Street
New York City

Dear Sir:

At the recent meeting of the Society, it was decided to establish a Committee to study the coinage of the United States and to report on the taking in this branch of numismatics.

Mr. Selach has been appointed Chairman of this Committee. At his suggestion and with the approval of the Society, it is my pleasure to appoint you a member of the said Committee.

Hoping you will accept, I remain

Very truly yours,

President
American Numismatic Society

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GEO. BIRD GRINNELL

238 EAST 15TH STREET

NEW YORK, N. Y.

January 21, 1921.

Mr. Edward T. Newell
American Numismatic Society
Broadway and 155th Street
New York, N. Y.

My dear Sir:

I beg leave to acknowledge your favor of the 20th inst., announcing that you had appointed me member of a Committee on Indian Peace Medals of which Mr. Belden is Chairman. I take great pleasure in accepting this appointment, on the understanding that it will not call for any time or work on my part, and that my duties shall be confined to such information and advice as I may be able to furnish the Committee.

Yours very truly

Geo. Bird Grinnell
Per V.

September 27th, 1921

Encl
George Bird Grinnell, Esq.
238 West 15th Street
New York City

Dear Mr. Grinnell:

By this time you have doubtless received the card for our evening meeting of Thursday, October 6th. This will be an informal meeting at which we hope to have Mr. Saltus, and some others of our long-absent members, present. If it is convenient for you to attend, we should be very glad to see you. There are a number of other matters which I think would be of interest to you which might serve as an additional attraction.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

S.T./E

GEO. BIRD GRINNELL

238 EAST 15TH STREET

NEW YORK, N. Y.

October 17, 1921.

American Numismatic Society
Broadway & 156th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sirs:

The last copy of Numismatic Notes and Monographs #9, which has reached me, is badly bound. I do not know whether this is peculiar to my copy, or went through the whole edition. If this occurred only in my copy, may I ask for a properly bound copy to replace it; but if the blunder went through the whole edition, of course there is nothing to be done.

The pages immediately following the Preface in my copy run as follows: 7-8, 5-6, 3-4, 1-2, 15-16, 13-14, 11-12, 9-10, 17. From this on, the pagination seems correct.

Yours very truly

W. B. Grinnell

October 18th, 1951

George Bird Grinnell, Esq.
238 East 15th Street
New York City

Dear Mr. Grinnell:

Thank you for your letter of October 17th drawing our attention to the faulty copy of 'Counting Jetons' which you recently received. We endeavored to eliminate all such copies and I regret that the one which reached you was not perfect. I take pleasure in forwarding you another under separate cover.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

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GEO. BIRD GRINNELL

238 EAST 15TH STREET

NEW YORK, N. Y.

October 19, 1921.

Mr. Sidney P. Noe, Secretary
American Numismatic Society
Broadway & 150th St., New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Noe:

Very many thanks for your kind
note of October 18th, in which you tell me
that you are forwarding me another copy of
"Computing Jetons" in place of the defectively
bound copy that I received.

If you can make any use of the
bad copy and wish me to send it to you, I
will be glad to do so.

Yours truly

G. Bird Grinnell

October 20th, 1921

George Bird Grinnell, Esq.
238 East 15th Street
New York City

Dear Mr. Grinnell:

Thank you for your favour of
October 18th. Please do not trouble
to return the defective copy of 'Com-
puting Pistons' as the same would be of
no use to us.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

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GEO. BIRD GRINNELL

238 EAST 15TH STREET

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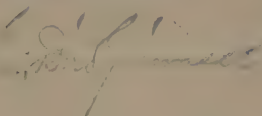
January 1, 1904

Mr. Edward T. Newell, President,
The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway bet. 155th and 160th Sts.,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Newell:

With respect to your letter
of January 1st asking me to continue to serve
as a member of the Indian Census Committee, I will be glad to do so if I can be of
service.

Sincerely yours,



GEO. BIRD GRINNELL

238 EAST 15TH STREET

NEW YORK, N. Y.

October 30, 1923.

Mr. Sidney P. Noe,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway near 14th Street,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Noe:

Thank you very much for your
note of October 24th. I shall try some
time before long to see the Indian Becc
Medals about which you write. I tried to
get into your museum perhaps last spring,
before the sculpture exhibition, but was
either too late or too early, for there
seemed to be no one in the building.

Yours very truly,

G. B. Grinnell

GEO. BIRD GRINNELL

238 EAST 15TH STREET

NEW YORK, N. Y.

May 12, 1925.

Mr. Bauman L. Belden,
1 Hamilton Avenue,
Cranford, N. J.

Dear Mr. Belden:

Confirming our conversation over the telephone today, I am sending you the notes on High Wolf, which comprises about all I know of him. As a matter of fact, there is no one, I think now living in the tribe who was alive at the time of High Backed Wolf's death. The next time I write out to Lane Deer, that is to say when I send the check for the medals, I will try to learn what I can about the Shaved Head Medal.

Yours sincerely,

Geo. Bird Grinnell

As to Monroe Medal.

The Monroe Medal just delivered to Mr. Belden was given to High Wolf probably between 1828 and 1830. High Wolf was painted by Catlin (number 115 in volume II), who calls him Wolf on a Hill. As a matter of fact, the meaning is High Backed Wolf, or Wolf with a high roach on his back. High Wolf was taken to Washington about 1828, and was gone for four years. He brought back with him an iron shield ornamented with stars, a flag and a peace medal, which had been given him. This is the Monroe Medal.

High Wolf was killed in a quarrel over a woman, the mother of Hail. The woman was a relation of High Wolf, and he took her away from her husband, not to marry her but because she was being illtreated. Later High Wolf's enemies got him drunk and killed him. When High Wolf was murdered Gray Hair, his son, took the medal. Gray Hair was the father of that High Wolf who in 1865 was killed at the Platte Bridge Fight, and also of the woman who married John Rondeau and who possessed the medal until recent years. Then, as I believe, it passed to Wolf Chief, and from him to his son Medicine Top. A. C. Stohr, in my behalf, purchased it from Medicine Top and sent it to me, and from me it goes to the ^{Transmigratic} Hispanic Society.

High Wolf ruled his tribe absolutely; whatever he ordered was done. He was killed just before the stars fell (1833), and it was thought that they fell because of the death of so important a man.

The Broken Jawed Woman was a daughter of High Backed Wolf and Grasshopper; her son is High Backed Wolf's grandson. He was, therefore, a cousin of Mrs. John Rondeau.

May 12, 1925.

GEO. BIRD GRINNELL
238 EAST 15TH STREET
NEW YORK, N. Y.

May 20, 1925.

Mr. Bauman L. Belden,
1 Hamilton Avenue,
Cranford, N. J.

Dear Mr. Belden:

Your note of May 19th telling me that I had neglected to inform you in my memorandum of High Wolf, of what tribe he was chief amuses me greatly. I never supposed that there was in the wide, wide world anyone so abysmally ignorant of plains Indians as not to know that High Wolf was Chief of the Cheyenne Indians. At that time all the Cheyennes were in the north, and the beginning of the movement south by a part of the tribe took place just before High Wolf's death.

Wolf Chief is an important Northern Cheyenne now living at or near Lane Deer, Montana. He, I think, has been a Chief of the tribe, but, at all events, was and still is an important man, a Medicine Lodgemaker in the past, and perhaps a priest. He is an old man who must have been born somewhere near 1850.

Do not hesitate to ask me to straighten out or explain anything I may write about the Cheyennes that is not clear to you. I know so much about them that I may take a good many things for granted.

I think, but cannot be sure, that both the men you ask about are mentioned in my book on the Cheyenne Indians.

Yours sincerely,

Geo. Bird Grinnell

GEO. BIRD GRINNELL

238 EAST 15TH STREET

NEW YORK, N. Y.

November 2, 1925.

American Numismatic Society,
Broadway & 155th Street,
New York City.

Dear Sirs:

I have talked a good deal with
B. L. Belden about Indian peace medals, and
have expended some effort and money to secure
unusual medals for the Society. In view of
these efforts I do not feel that I can offer
more than the enclosed check as a contribu-
tion to the \$3,000 that the Society desires.

Yours truly,

Geo. Bird Grinnell

November 20th, 1925

George Bird Grinnell, Esq.
238 East 15th Street
New York City

Dear Mr. Grinnell:

In view of your generous contribution toward our Indian Peace Medal Fund, you may be interested to learn that we were very successful in securing sufficient funds to enable us to purchase every one of the twenty medals which we especially desired.

Our collection of Indian Peace medals now is a truly remarkable gathering, the like of which exists nowhere else in the world. The Society is, therefore, very appreciative of your loyal and generous assistance which has contributed so largely to the fortunate result as outlined above.

Please allow me to add my own personal thanks to those of the Society, and believe me,

Yours very gratefully,

President